

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 8-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 5-7 have been canceled without prejudice and Claims 8 and 11 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 8-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Hill et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,220,218, herein "Hill"); and Claims 1-4 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, independent Claims 8 and 11 have been amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. The claim amendments find support in Figure 9 and its corresponding description in the specification. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Hill, independent Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to overcome Hill as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. More specifically, independent Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to recite that a wiring contacts "said common n-type region and said common p-type region," similar to allowed Claim 1. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 8 and 11 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Hill.

Further, it is respectfully requested this amendment be entered as it is believed to follow the Examiner's suggestions and to place the application in better form for appeal without requiring reconsideration and/or search by the Examiner.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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